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## Preface

Statistics Botswana is mandated to compile data on industrial production in Botswana, hence electricity indices are only confined to electricity generated locally. However, importation and distribution volumes, and their percentage changes are included as well. This indicates Botswana's progress over time, towards generating adequate electricity to meet her demand. The data used in this brief is sourced from the Botswana Power Corporation.


This statistical brief is intended to apprise on Electricity Generation, Importation and Distribution by presenting Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Volumes as well as Indices for Electricity Generation in Botswana. Also included are Year-on-Year and Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Changes in Indices of Electricity Generation from 2012 to the first quarter of 2022. In subsequent sections of this report, emphasis will be on the Year-on-Year and Quarter-on-Quarter percentage changes in the physical volume of electricity generation, importation and distribution. This report uses 2013 as the base year.

The Index of Electricity Generation (IEG) stood at 151.9 during the first quarter of 2022, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 8.2 percent compared to 140.3 recorded during the corresponding quarter in 2021. Similarly, the quarter-on-quarter comparison shows an increase of 36.0 percent, from 111.7 during the fourth quarter of 2021 to 151.9 during the current quarter.

The release further shows changes in the volume of electricity generation in a given period against the base year (2013), and hence provides a reflection of the trend in the local electricity sector.

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## 1.0 Summary of Findings of the Index of Electricity Generation (IEG)

All figures in this report are not seasonally adjusted.

Key indicators of Electricity Generation from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2022 are presented in **Table 1**.

The Index of Electricity Generation (IEG) stood at 151.9 during the first quarter of 2022, reflecting an increase of 8.2 percent compared to 140.3 recorded during the same period in 2021. The quarter-on-quarter comparison shows an increase of 36.0 percent, from the index of 111.7 during the fourth quarter of 2021.

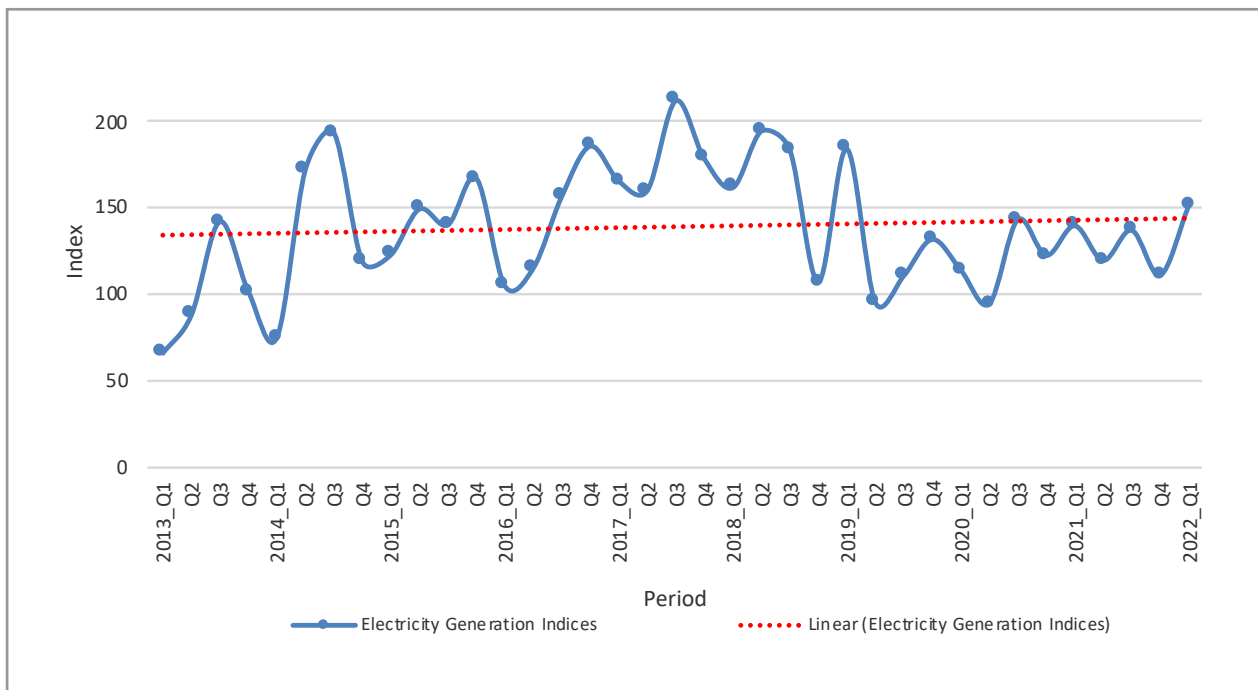
**Table 1: Selected Key Indicators of Electricity Generation: 2013 First Quarter to 2022 First Quarter**

Period	Index of the Physical Volume of Electricity Generation	Year-on-Year Percentage Change	Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Change
2013_Q1	66.5	151.4	-
Q2	88.5	202.8	32.9
Q3	142.7	216.7	61.3
Q4	102.3	53.8	(28.3)
2014_Q1	75.5	13.4	(26.2)
Q2	172.6	95.1	128.6
Q3	194.2	36.1	12.6
Q4	119.6	16.9	(38.4)
2015_Q1	123.4	63.5	3.2
Q2	149.9	(13.2)	21.4
Q3	140.8	(27.5)	(6.0)
Q4	167.8	40.2	19.1
2016_Q1	105.5	(14.5)	(37.1)
Q2	115.7	(22.8)	9.6
Q3	157.3	11.7	36.0
Q4	186.3	11.0	18.4
2017_Q1	166.1	57.4	(10.8)
Q2	160.6	38.8	(3.4)
Q3	212.6	35.2	32.4
Q4	179.1	(3.9)	(15.8)
2018_Q1	162.3	(2.3)	(9.4)
Q2	195.0	21.4	20.1
Q3	184.3	13.3	(5.5)
Q4	107.7	(39.8)	(41.5)
2019_Q1	184.8	13.8	71.5
Q2	96.0	(50.8)	(48.0)
Q3	111.3	(39.6)	16.0
Q4	132.4	22.9	18.9
2020_Q1	114.7	(37.9)	(13.4)
Q2	95.1	(0.9)	(17.1)
Q3	143.8	29.2	51.2
Q4	123.1	(7.0)	(14.4)
2021_Q1	140.3	22.4	14.0
Q2	120.2	26.4	(14.3)
Q3	137.7	(4.2)	14.6
Q4	111.7	(9.3)	(18.9)
2022_Q1	151.9	8.2	36.0

Note: 1. ( ) Indicates negative figures

**Figure 1** presents the trend of the Index of Electricity Generation from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2022. There has been some slight improvement in local electricity generation as evidenced by the upward trend, albeit with fluctuations between the years.

**Figure 1: Index of Electricity Generation (MWH): 2013 First Quarter to 2022 First Quarter**



## 1.1 Electricity Generation

This Sub-Section discusses the physical volume of electricity generated locally as presented in **Table 2**. The table forms the basis for the computation of indices of electricity generation in **Table 3**. The Year-on-Year and Quarter-on-Quarter percentage changes in the physical volume of electricity generated are presented in **Table 4** and **Table 5**, covering 2012 to the first quarter of 2022.

The physical volume of electricity generated increased by 8.2 percent (48,602 MWH), from 589,899 MWH during the first quarter of 2021 to 638,501 MWH during the current quarter.

The quarter-on-quarter perspective shows that local electricity generation increased by 36.0 percent (169,152 MWH), from 469,349 MWH during the fourth quarter of 2021 to 638,501 MWH during the period under review. This increase was mainly attributed to the improved performance of Morupule A and B power plants. The power plants accounted for 98.8 percent of electricity generated during the current quarter, while Matshelagabedi and Orapa emergency power plants contributed the remaining 0.7 and 0.5 percent respectively.

## 1.2 Imported Electricity

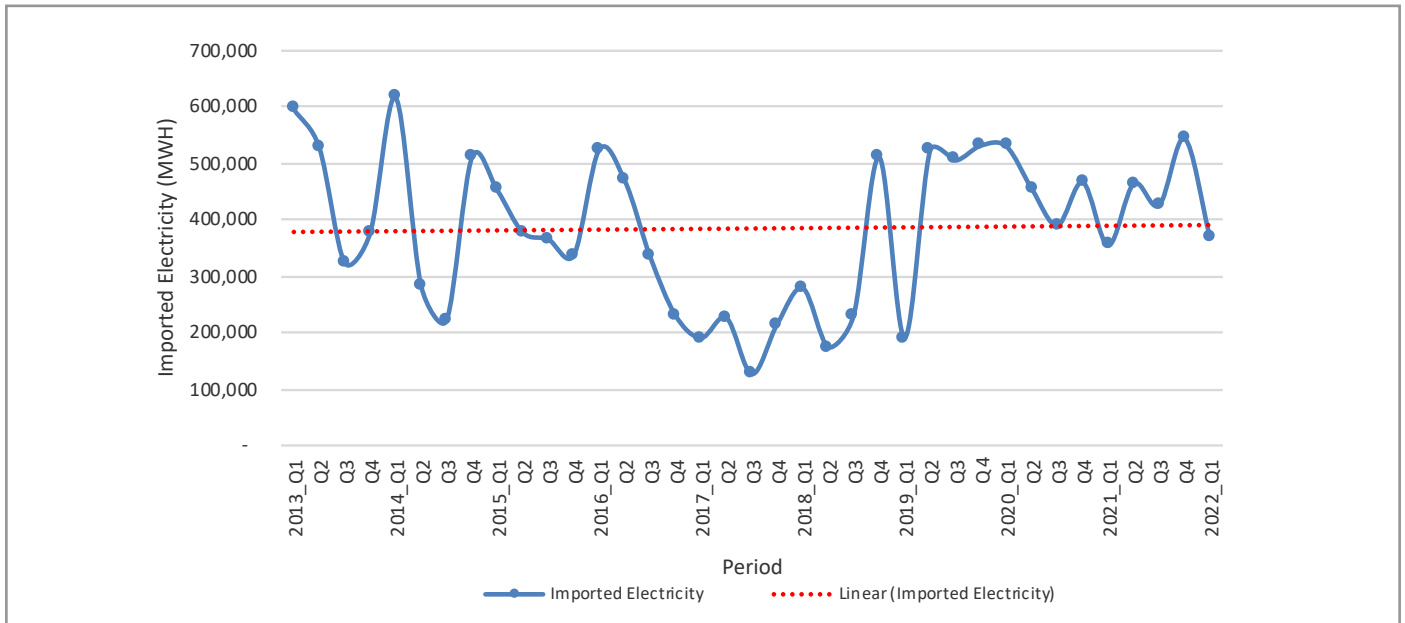
The discussions in this section are based on tables 6, 7, 8, 9 as well as figures 2 and 3.

During the first quarter of 2022, the physical volume of imported electricity increased by 3.9 percent (13,753 MWH), from 353,248 MWH during the first quarter of 2021 to 367,001 MWH.

Imported electricity during the first quarter of 2022 shows a decrease of 32.5 percent (176,416 MWH), from 543,417 MWH during the fourth quarter of 2021 to 367,001 MWH.

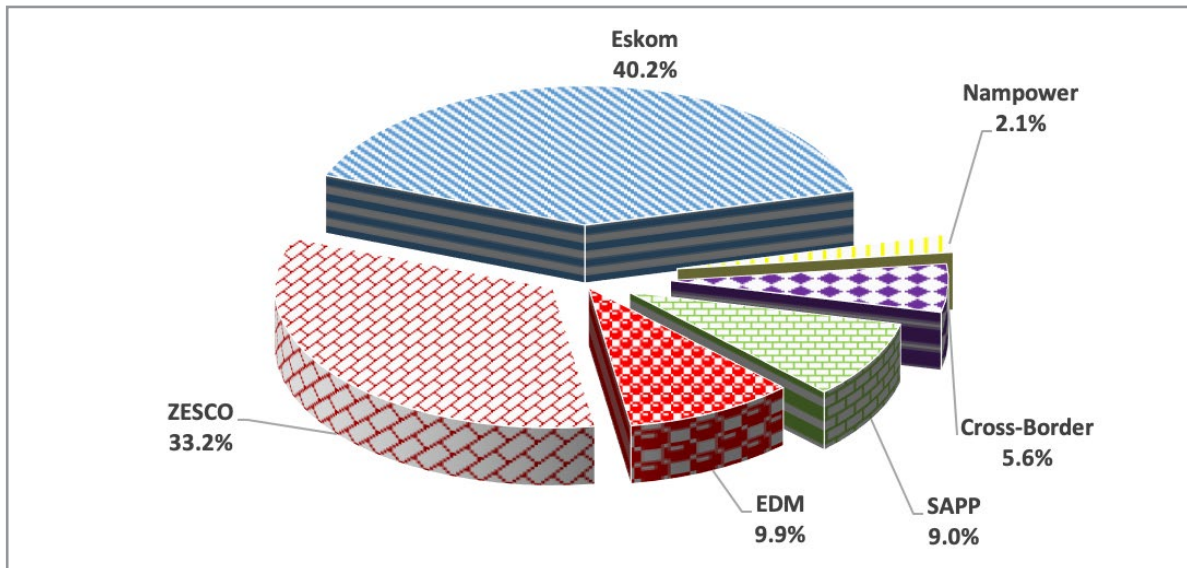
Figure 2 shows the trend in the physical volume of imported electricity from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2022. The upward trend indicates that local electricity generation is not adequate to meet demand, hence the continued need to augment with imported electricity.

**Figure 2: Physical Volume of Imported Electricity (MWH): 2013 First Quarter to 2022 First Quarter**



As depicted in Figure 3, Eskom was the main source of imported electricity at 40.2 percent of total electricity imports. The Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (ZESCO) accounted for 33.2 percent, while the Electricidade De Mozambique (EDM) and the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) supplied 9.9 percent and 9.0 percent respectively. The remaining 5.6 percent and 2.1 percent were sourced from Cross-border electricity markets and Nampower (Table 9). Cross-border electricity markets are arrangements whereby towns and villages along the border are supplied with electricity directly from neighbouring countries such as Namibia and Zambia.

**Figure 3: Imported Electricity by Source: First Quarter 2022**



### 1.3 Distribution of Electricity

The section combines the local generation and imported electricity to come up with electricity that is available for distribution in Botswana. This does not take into account electricity used for auxiliary services, pumping, network losses as well as production of electricity through incineration of waste. The computation of electricity distribution is guided by the International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics (IRIS) 2008. Tables 10, 11, 12, 13 and Figure 4 form the basis for discussion under this subsection.

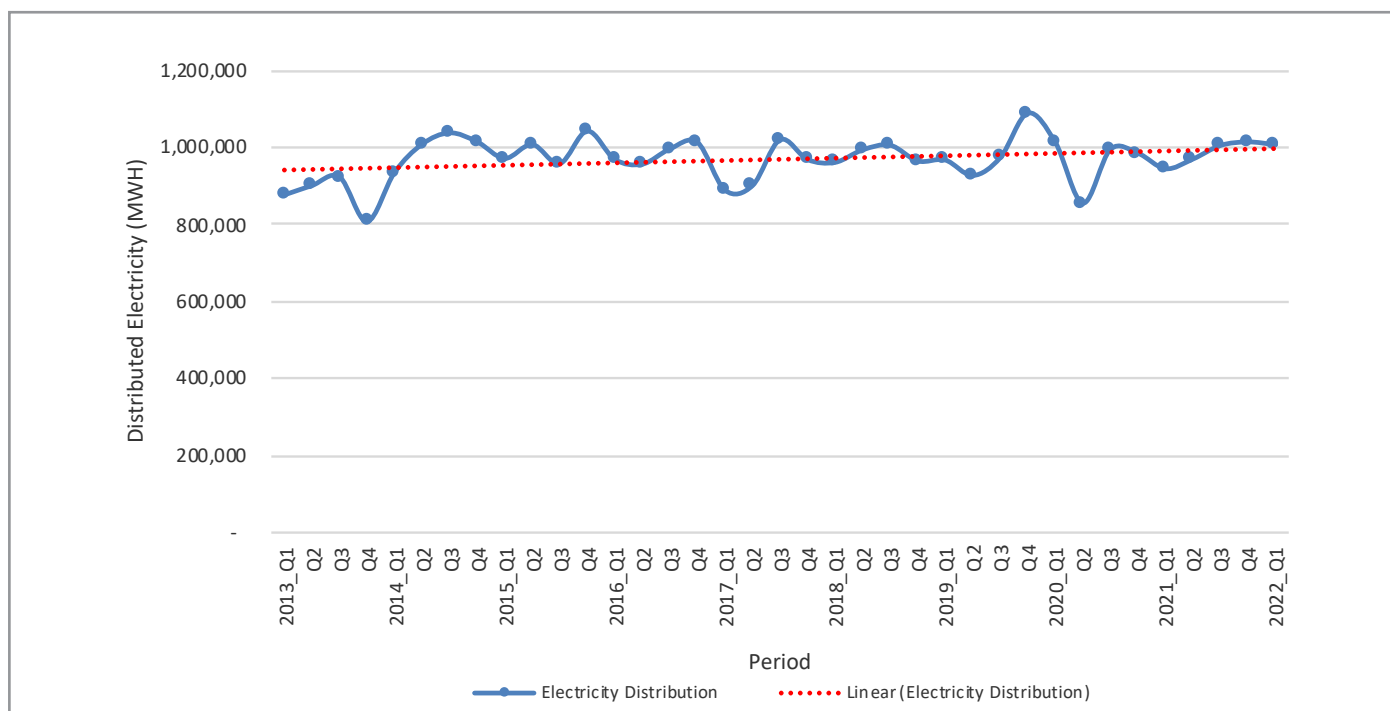
Table 10 shows the physical volume of electricity distributed from 2012 to the first quarter of 2022, while annual percentage changes and quarter-on-quarter percentage changes for the same period are presented in Table 11 and Table 12 respectively. These tables can also be used as guidance with regard to whether electricity distributed is improving over time, thereby indicating that there are ongoing efforts to meet the domestic demand.

The year-on-year perspective shows that the amount of distributed electricity increased by 6.6 percent (62,355 MWH), from 943,147 MWH during the first quarter of 2021 to 1,005,502 MWH during the current quarter.

The quarter-on-quarter comparison of distributed electricity shows a minor decrease of 0.7 percent (7,264 MWH), from 1,012,766 MWH during the fourth quarter of 2021 to 1,005,502 MWH during the review quarter.

Figure 4 shows that there has been some a slight increase in distributed electricity from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2022, even though there are fluctuations.

Figure 4: Physical Volume of Distributed Electricity (MWH): 2013 First Quarter to 2022 First Quarter



#### 1.3.1 Contribution of Electricity Generation to Distribution

Electricity generation given as a percentage of electricity distributed is of paramount importance in assessing whether the local generation is improving overtime to reduce reliance on imported electricity. This information is displayed in Table 13.

It can be observed from Table 13 that electricity generated locally contributed 63.5 percent to electricity distributed during the first quarter of 2022, compared to a contribution of 62.5 percent during the same quarter in 2021. This gives an increase of 1.0 percentage point.

The quarter-on-quarter comparison shows that the contribution of electricity generated to electricity distributed increased by 17.2 percentage points compared to the 46.3 percent contribution of locally generated electricity during the fourth quarter of 2021.

**Table 2: Physical Volume of Electricity Generation (MWH): January 2012 - March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
January	26,574	110,960	137,802	158,907	206,381	245,598	209,333	272,140	148,376	199,148	184,143
February	16,938	80,410	77,067	180,520	127,975	216,264	227,955	235,908	187,925	186,121	211,054
March	67,761	88,358	102,377	179,400	109,272	236,589	245,092	268,605	145,683	204,630	243,304
April	34,069	94,011	151,675	195,568	112,765	195,703	210,965	163,206	102,898	118,600	-
May	39,826	140,454	252,235	206,905	179,837	205,705	310,500	125,266	98,692	185,311	-
June	48,928	137,414	321,453	227,503	193,586	273,639	298,291	115,104	198,314	201,403	-
July	81,013	158,120	318,627	240,314	213,841	311,655	293,739	125,091	217,448	186,631	-
August	11,205	223,420	296,036	177,052	219,402	315,552	289,885	152,822	199,437	196,681	-
September	97,177	218,222	201,802	174,617	228,002	266,623	191,199	190,061	187,763	195,723	-
October	77,236	32,183	71,243	301,913	299,945	234,090	73,018	195,637	158,411	189,669	-
November	113,384	203,228	244,723	213,798	213,303	296,547	121,910	208,940	176,030	129,005	-
December	89,101	194,717	186,915	189,490	269,893	222,240	258,009	151,998	183,186	150,676	-
Q1	111,274	279,728	317,245	518,828	443,628	698,451	682,380	776,653	481,984	589,899	638,501
Q2	122,823	371,879	725,363	629,976	486,188	675,047	819,755	403,576	399,903	505,313	-
Q3	189,395	599,762	816,465	591,983	661,245	893,831	774,822	467,974	604,647	579,036	-
Q4	279,721	430,128	502,881	705,201	783,141	752,887	452,938	556,576	517,627	469,349	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>703,213</b>	<b>1,681,497</b>	<b>2,361,954</b>	<b>2,445,988</b>	<b>2,374,202</b>	<b>3,020,206</b>	<b>2,729,895</b>	<b>2,204,779</b>	<b>2,004,161</b>	<b>2,143,597</b>	<b>638,501</b>

**Note:**

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2. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 3: Indices of Physical Volume of Electricity Generation: January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	19.0	79.2	98.3	113.4	147.3	175.3	149.4	194.2	105.9	142.1	131.4
Feb	12.1	57.4	55.0	128.8	91.3	154.3	162.7	168.4	134.1	132.8	150.6
March	48.4	63.1	73.1	128.0	78.0	168.8	174.9	191.7	104.0	146.0	173.6
April	24.3	67.1	108.2	139.6	80.5	139.7	150.6	116.5	73.4	84.6	-
May	28.4	100.2	180.0	147.7	128.3	146.8	221.6	89.4	70.4	132.2	-
June	34.9	98.1	229.4	162.4	138.2	195.3	212.9	82.1	141.5	143.7	-
July	57.8	112.8	227.4	171.5	152.6	222.4	209.6	89.3	155.2	133.2	-
August	8.0	159.4	211.3	126.4	156.6	225.2	206.9	109.1	142.3	140.4	-
September	69.4	155.7	144.0	124.6	162.7	190.3	136.4	135.6	134.0	139.7	-
October	55.1	23.0	50.8	215.5	214.1	167.1	52.1	139.6	113.1	135.4	-
November	80.9	145.0	174.6	152.6	152.2	211.6	87.0	149.1	125.6	92.1	-
December	63.6	139.0	133.4	135.2	192.6	158.6	184.1	108.5	130.7	107.5	-
Q1	26.5	66.5	75.5	123.4	105.5	166.1	162.3	184.8	114.7	140.3	151.9
Q2	29.2	88.5	172.6	149.9	115.7	160.6	195.0	96.0	95.1	120.2	-
Q3	45.1	142.7	194.2	140.8	157.3	212.6	184.3	111.3	143.8	137.7	-
Q4	66.5	102.3	119.6	167.8	186.3	179.1	107.7	132.4	123.1	111.7	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>179.6</b>	<b>162.3</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>38.0</b>

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**Table 4: Annual Percentage Changes in the Indices of the Physical Volume of Electricity Generation: January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	(32.2)	317.5	24.2	15.3	29.9	19.0	(14.8)	30.0	(45.5)	34.2	(7.5)
Feb	(48.4)	374.7	(4.2)	134.2	(29.1)	69.0	5.4	3.5	(20.3)	(1.0)	13.4
March	237.5	30.4	15.9	75.2	(39.1)	116.5	3.6	9.6	(45.8)	40.5	18.9
April	15.1	175.9	61.3	28.9	(42.3)	73.5	7.8	(22.6)	(37.0)	15.3	-
May	152.7	252.7	79.6	(18.0)	(13.1)	14.4	50.9	(59.7)	(21.2)	87.8	-
June	152.7	180.9	133.9	(29.2)	(14.9)	41.4	9.0	(61.4)	72.3	1.6	-
July	152.7	95.2	101.5	(24.6)	(11.0)	45.7	(5.7)	(57.4)	73.8	(14.2)	-
August	152.7	1,893.9	32.5	(40.2)	23.9	43.8	(8.1)	(47.3)	30.5	(1.4)	-
September	152.7	124.6	(7.5)	(13.5)	30.6	16.9	(28.3)	(0.6)	(1.2)	4.2	-
October	152.7	(58.3)	121.4	323.8	(0.7)	(22.0)	(68.8)	167.9	(19.0)	19.7	-
November	152.7	79.2	20.4	(12.6)	(0.2)	39.0	(58.9)	71.4	(15.8)	(26.7)	-
December	152.7	118.5	(4.0)	1.4	42.4	(17.7)	16.1	41.1	20.5	(17.7)	-
Q1	20.8	151.4	13.4	63.5	(14.5)	57.4	(2.3)	13.8	(37.9)	22.4	8.2
Q2	79.6	202.8	95.1	(13.2)	(22.8)	38.8	21.4	(50.8)	(0.9)	26.4	-
Q3	158.0	216.7	94.2	(27.5)	11.7	35.2	(13.3)	(39.6)	29.2	(4.2)	-
Q4	302.8	53.8	16.9	40.2	11.1	(3.9)	(39.8)	22.9	(7.0)	(9.3)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>(9.6)</b>	<b>(19.2)</b>	<b>(9.1)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>(70.2)</b>

Note:

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**Table 5: Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Changes: First Quarter 2012 – First Quarter 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Q1	60.2	-	(26.2)	3.2	(37.1)	(10.8)	(9.4)	71.5	(13.4)	14.0	36.0
Q2	10.4	32.9	128.6	21.4	9.6	(3.4)	20.1	(48.0)	(17.1)	(14.3)	-
Q3	54.2	61.3	12.6	(6.0)	36.0	32.4	(5.5)	16.0	51.2	14.6	-
Q4	47.7	(28.3)	(38.4)	19.1	18.4	(15.8)	(41.5)	18.9	(14.4)	(18.9)	-

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**Table 6: Physical Volume of Imported Electricity (MWH): January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	272,338	193,786	192,251	184,564	140,172	57,679	124,148	54,922	196,457	126,434	152,485
Feb	274,079	185,022	216,031	113,430	166,303	56,951	77,257	66,228	138,489	102,376	108,678
March	249,777	216,621	207,923	153,098	217,261	74,422	75,865	67,915	194,406	124,438	105,838
April	253,390	206,965	162,767	129,605	196,075	88,783	94,226	139,549	156,520	191,548	-
May	271,135	169,159	85,246	129,487	138,677	92,379	39,052	188,760	174,404	140,355	-
June	275,063	151,442	33,474	117,155	134,100	43,156	39,179	193,713	122,808	131,268	-
July	245,151	161,866	39,365	99,695	110,932	34,746	55,772	196,021	123,768	141,798	-
August	296,226	82,084	48,497	132,541	119,340	35,332	45,131	187,294	132,273	148,437	-
September	200,082	78,365	132,060	132,191	103,083	54,534	128,524	120,800	132,864	134,468	-
October	240,631	123,785	266,785	59,516	57,653	83,734	249,015	174,433	172,022	141,936	-
November	209,811	123,785	96,415	115,763	116,517	36,094	200,025	159,650	146,901	216,497	-
December	212,114	128,060	147,112	160,652	54,373	94,307	61,258	196,953	146,777	184,984	-
Q1	796,194	595,429	616,206	451,092	523,736	189,052	277,270	189,065	529,352	353,248	367,001
Q2	799,587	527,566	281,487	376,248	468,852	224,318	172,457	522,021	453,733	463,171	-
Q3	741,459	322,315	219,922	364,427	333,355	124,612	229,427	504,115	388,905	424,703	-
Q4	662,556	375,630	510,311	335,931	228,543	214,135	510,298	531,036	465,701	543,417	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,999,797</b>	<b>1,820,940</b>	<b>1,627,926</b>	<b>1,527,697</b>	<b>1,554,486</b>	<b>752,117</b>	<b>1,189,452</b>	<b>1,746,237</b>	<b>1,837,691</b>	<b>1,784,538</b>	<b>367,001</b>

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**Table 7: Annual Percentage Changes in the Physical Volume of Imported Electricity: January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	11.7	(28.8)	(0.8)	(4.0)	(24.1)	(58.9)	115.2	(55.8)	257.7	(35.6)	20.6
Feb	19.7	(32.5)	16.8	(47.5)	46.6	(65.8)	35.7	(14.3)	109.1	(26.1)	6.2
March	(7.4)	(13.3)	(4.0)	(26.4)	41.9	(65.7)	1.9	(10.5)	186.2	(36.0)	(14.9)
April	(1.3)	(18.3)	(21.4)	(20.4)	51.3	(54.7)	6.1	48.1	12.2	22.4	-
May	(2.5)	(37.6)	(49.6)	51.9	7.1	(33.4)	(57.7)	383.4	(7.6)	(19.5)	-
June	(1.5)	(44.9)	(77.9)	250.0	14.5	(67.8)	(9.2)	394.4	(36.6)	6.9	-
July	(11.0)	(34.0)	(75.7)	153.3	11.3	(68.7)	60.5	251.5	(36.9)	14.6	-
August	10.5	(72.3)	(40.9)	173.3	(10.0)	(70.4)	27.7	315.0	(29.4)	12.2	-
September	(22.1)	(60.8)	68.5	0.1	(22.0)	(47.1)	135.7	(6.0)	10.0	1.2	-
October	(9.2)	(48.6)	115.5	(77.7)	(3.1)	45.2	197.4	(30.0)	(1.4)	(17.5)	-
November	(23.6)	(41.0)	(22.1)	20.1	0.7	(69.0)	454.2	(20.2)	(8.0)	47.4	-
December	(22.2)	(39.6)	14.9	9.2	(66.2)	73.4	(35.0)	221.5	(25.5)	26.0	-
Q1	7.2	(25.2)	3.5	(26.8)	16.1	(63.9)	46.7	(31.8)	180.0	(33.3)	3.9
Q2	(1.7)	(34.0)	(46.6)	33.7	24.6	(52.2)	(23.1)	202.7	(13.1)	2.1	-
Q3	(7.4)	(56.5)	(31.8)	65.7	(8.5)	(62.6)	84.1	119.7	(22.9)	9.2	-
Q4	(18.4)	(43.3)	35.9	(34.2)	(32.0)	(6.3)	138.3	4.1	(12.3)	16.7	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>(39.3)</b>	<b>(10.6)</b>	<b>(6.2)</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>(51.6)</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	<b>(79.4)</b>

**Note:**

1. ( ) Denotes negative numbers

2. - Indicates data is not available

3. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 8: Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Changes in the Physical Volume of Imported Electricity: First Quarter 2012 – First Quarter 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Q1	(2.0)	(10.1)	64.0	(11.6)	55.9	(17.3)	29.5	(63.0)	(0.3)	(24.1)	(32.5)
Q2	0.4	(11.4)	(54.3)	(16.6)	(10.5)	18.7	(37.8)	176.1	(14.3)	31.1	-
Q3	(7.3)	(38.9)	(21.9)	(3.1)	(28.9)	(44.4)	33.0	(3.4)	(14.3)	(8.3)	-
Q4	(10.6)	16.5	132.0	(7.8)	(31.4)	71.8	122.4	5.3	19.7	28.0	-

**Note:**

1. ( ) Denotes negative numbers
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3. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 9: Imported Electricity by Source in MWH: First Quarter 2022**

Source	MWH	%
Eskom	147,438	40.2
Nampower	7,572	2.1
Cross Boarder	20,449	5.6
SAPP	33,270	9.0
EDM	36,295	9.9
ZESCO	121,976	33.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>367,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 10: Physical Volume of Electricity Distribution (MWH): January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	298,912	304,746	330,053	343,471	346,553	303,277	333,481	327,062	344,833	325,582	336,627
Feb	291,017	265,432	293,098	293,950	294,278	273,215	305,212	302,136	326,413	288,497	319,732
March	317,538	304,979	310,300	332,498	326,533	311,011	320,957	336,520	340,090	329,067	349,142
April	287,459	300,976	314,442	325,173	308,840	284,486	305,191	302,755	259,418	310,147	-
May	310,961	309,613	337,481	336,392	318,514	298,084	349,552	314,026	273,096	325,666	-
June	323,990	288,856	354,927	344,658	327,686	316,795	337,470	308,817	321,122	332,671	-
July	326,165	319,986	357,992	340,009	324,773	346,401	349,511	321,112	341,216	328,429	-
August	307,431	305,504	344,533	309,593	338,742	350,884	335,016	340,116	331,710	345,119	-
September	297,258	296,587	333,861	306,808	331,085	321,157	319,722	310,861	320,627	330,191	-
October	317,867	155,968	338,027	361,429	357,598	317,824	322,033	370,071	330,434	331,605	-
November	323,195	327,013	341,138	329,561	329,820	332,641	321,935	368,951	322,931	345,502	-
December	301,215	322,777	334,027	350,142	324,266	316,547	319,267	348,951	329,963	335,659	-
Q1	907,468	875,157	933,451	969,920	967,364	887,503	959,650	965,718	1,011,335	943,147	1,005,502
Q2	922,411	899,445	1,006,850	1,006,224	955,040	899,365	992,212	925,597	853,636	968,484	-
Q3	930,854	922,077	1,036,387	956,410	994,600	1,018,442	1,004,249	972,090	993,552	1,003,738	-
Q4	942,277	805,758	1,013,192	1,041,132	1,011,684	967,012	963,235	1,087,612	983,328	1,012,766	-
<b>Year</b>	<b>3,703,010</b>	<b>3,502,437</b>	<b>3,989,880</b>	<b>3,973,685</b>	<b>3,928,688</b>	<b>3,772,322</b>	<b>3,919,347</b>	<b>3,951,017</b>	<b>3,841,851</b>	<b>3,928,135</b>	<b>1,005,502</b>

**Note:**

1. – Indicates data is not available
2. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 11: Annual Percentage Changes for the Physical Volume of Electricity Distribution: January 2012 – March 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Jan	5.6	2.0	8.3	4.1	0.9	(12.5)	10.0	(13.9)	5.4	(5.6)	3.4
Feb	11.1	(8.8)	10.4	0.3	0.1	(7.2)	11.7	(1.0)	8.0	(11.6)	10.8
March	9.6	(4.0)	1.7	7.2	(1.8)	(4.8)	3.2	4.8	1.1	(3.2)	6.1
April	0.4	4.7	4.5	3.4	(5.0)	(7.9)	7.3	(0.8)	(14.3)	19.6	-
May	5.9	(0.4)	9.0	(0.3)	(5.3)	(6.4)	17.3	(10.2)	(13.0)	19.2	-
June	7.2	(10.8)	22.9	(2.9)	(4.9)	(3.3)	6.5	(8.5)	4.0	3.6	-
July	7.6	(1.9)	11.9	(5.0)	(4.5)	6.7	0.9	(8.1)	6.3	(3.7)	-
August	5.0	(0.6)	12.8	(10.1)	9.4	3.6	(4.5)	1.5	(2.5)	4.0	-
September	7.0	(0.2)	12.6	(8.1)	7.9	(3.0)	(0.4)	(2.8)	3.1	3.0	-
October	8.8	(50.9)	116.7	6.9	(1.1)	(11.1)	1.3	14.9	(10.7)	0.4	-
November	8.6	1.2	4.3	(3.4)	0.1	0.9	(3.2)	14.5	(12.4)	7.0	-
December	3.1	7.2	3.5	4.8	(7.4)	(2.4)	0.9	9.3	(5.4)	1.7	-
Q1	8.7	(3.6)	6.7	3.9	(0.3)	(8.3)	8.1	0.6	4.7	(6.7)	6.6
Q2	4.6	(2.5)	11.9	(0.1)	(5.1)	(5.8)	10.3	(6.7)	(7.8)	13.5	-
Q3	6.5	(0.9)	12.4	(7.7)	4.0	2.4	(1.4)	(3.2)	2.2	1.0	-
Q4	6.9	(14.5)	25.7	2.8	(2.8)	(4.4)	(0.4)	12.9	(9.6)	3.0	-
Year	6.6	(5.4)	13.9	(0.4)	(1.1)	(4.0)	3.9	0.8	(2.8)	2.2	(74.4)

**Note:**

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3. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 12: Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Changes in the Physical Volume of Electricity Distribution: First Quarter 2012 – First Quarter 2022**

Period	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Q1	2.9	(7.1)	15.8	(4.3)	(7.1)	(12.3)	(0.8)	0.3	(7.0)	(4.1)	(0.7)
Q2	1.6	2.8	7.9	3.7	(1.3)	1.3	3.4	(4.2)	(15.6)	2.7	-
Q3	0.9	2.5	2.9	(5.0)	4.1	13.2	1.2	5.0	16.4	3.6	-
Q4	1.2	(12.6)	(2.2)	8.9	1.7	(5.0)	(4.1)	11.9	(1.0)	0.9	-

**Note:**

1. ( ) Denotes negative numbers
2. – Indicates data is not available
3. 2022\* Data is up to the first quarter only

**Table 13: Generation of Electricity (MWH) as a Percentage of Distribution  
2012 – First Quarter 2022**

Year \ Utility	Electricity Generation	Imported Electricity	Electricity Distribution	% Contribution of Generated Electricity to Distributed
2012	703,213	2,999,797	3,703,010	19.0
2013	1,681,497	1,820,940	3,502,437	48.0
2014	2,361,954	1,627,925	3,989,879	59.2
2015	2,445,988	1,527,697	3,973,685	61.6
2016	2,374,202	1,554,486	3,928,688	60.4
2017	3,020,206	752,117	3,772,322	80.1
2018	2,729,895	1,189,452	3,919,347	69.7
2019	2,204,779	1,746,238	3,951,017	55.8
2020	2,004,162	1,837,690	3,841,852	52.2
2021	2,143,597	1,784,538	3,928,135	54.6
2013_Q1	279,728	595,429	875,157	32.0
Q2	371,879	527,566	899,445	41.3
Q3	599,762	322,315	922,077	65.0
Q4	430,128	375,630	805,758	53.4
2014_Q1	317,245	616,206	933,451	34.0
Q2	725,363	281,487	1,006,850	72.0
Q3	816,465	219,922	1,036,387	78.8
Q4	502,881	510,311	1,013,192	49.6
2015_Q1	518,828	451,092	969,920	53.5
Q2	629,976	376,248	1,006,224	62.6
Q3	591,983	364,427	956,410	61.9
Q4	705,201	335,931	1,041,132	67.7
2016_Q1	443,628	523,736	967,364	45.9
Q2	486,188	468,852	955,040	50.9
Q3	661,245	333,355	994,600	66.5
Q4	783,141	228,543	1,011,684	77.4
2017_Q1	698,451	189,052	887,503	78.7
Q2	675,047	224,318	899,365	75.1
Q3	893,831	124,612	1,018,442	87.8
Q4	752,877	214,135	967,012	77.9
2018_Q1	682,380	277,270	959,650	71.1
Q2	819,755	172,457	992,212	82.6
Q3	774,882	229,427	1,004,249	77.2
Q4	452,938	510,298	963,235	47.0
2019_Q1	776,653	189,065	965,718	80.4
Q2	403,576	522,021	925,597	43.6
Q3	467,974	504,115	972,090	48.1
Q4	556,576	531,036	1,087,612	51.2
2020_Q1	481,984	529,352	1,011,335	47.7
Q2	399,903	453,733	853,636	46.8
Q3	604,647	388,905	993,552	60.9
Q4	517,627	465,701	983,328	52.6
2021_Q1	589,899	353,248	943,147	62.5
Q2	505,313	463,171	968,484	52.2
Q3	579,036	424,703	1,003,738	57.7
Q4	469,349	543,417	1,012,766	46.3
2022_Q1	638,501	367,001	1,005,502	63.5

Note:  
1. 2020\* Data is up to the third quarter only

## 2.0 Technical Notes

### 2.1 Background

The generation of electricity in Botswana started in 1985 with a coal fired thermal power station at Morupule operating at a capacity of 132 MWH. Prior to this period, most of Botswana's electricity was imported from South Africa's power utility, Eskom. In 2008 South Africa's electricity demand started to exceed its supply, resulting in the South African government restricting power exports. As a result, Botswana and the entire Southern African region experienced massive power shortages because of the reduced electricity exports from South Africa ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy\\_in\\_Botswana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_in_Botswana)).

To avert the situation, Botswana Government opted for alternative ways of sourcing electricity for the country; hence the plan to increase local generation of electricity at Morupule Power Station. The Morupule Power A plant of capacity 132 MWH was augmented with Morupule Power B which is to have a capacity of 600 MWH upon completion (BPC Annual Report, 2010).

### 2.2 Concepts and formula of the Index of Electricity Generation, Importation and Distribution

The Index of Electricity Generation is a Laspeyres index. The weighted average for electricity generation equals one because there are no various electricity products. The index is thus calculated using the formula;

$$I = \frac{\sum R_i * W_i}{\sum W_i}$$

Where;

I is the index

R is the electricity generation relative

W is the weight

The electricity generation relative for the quarter has been calculated by using the formula:

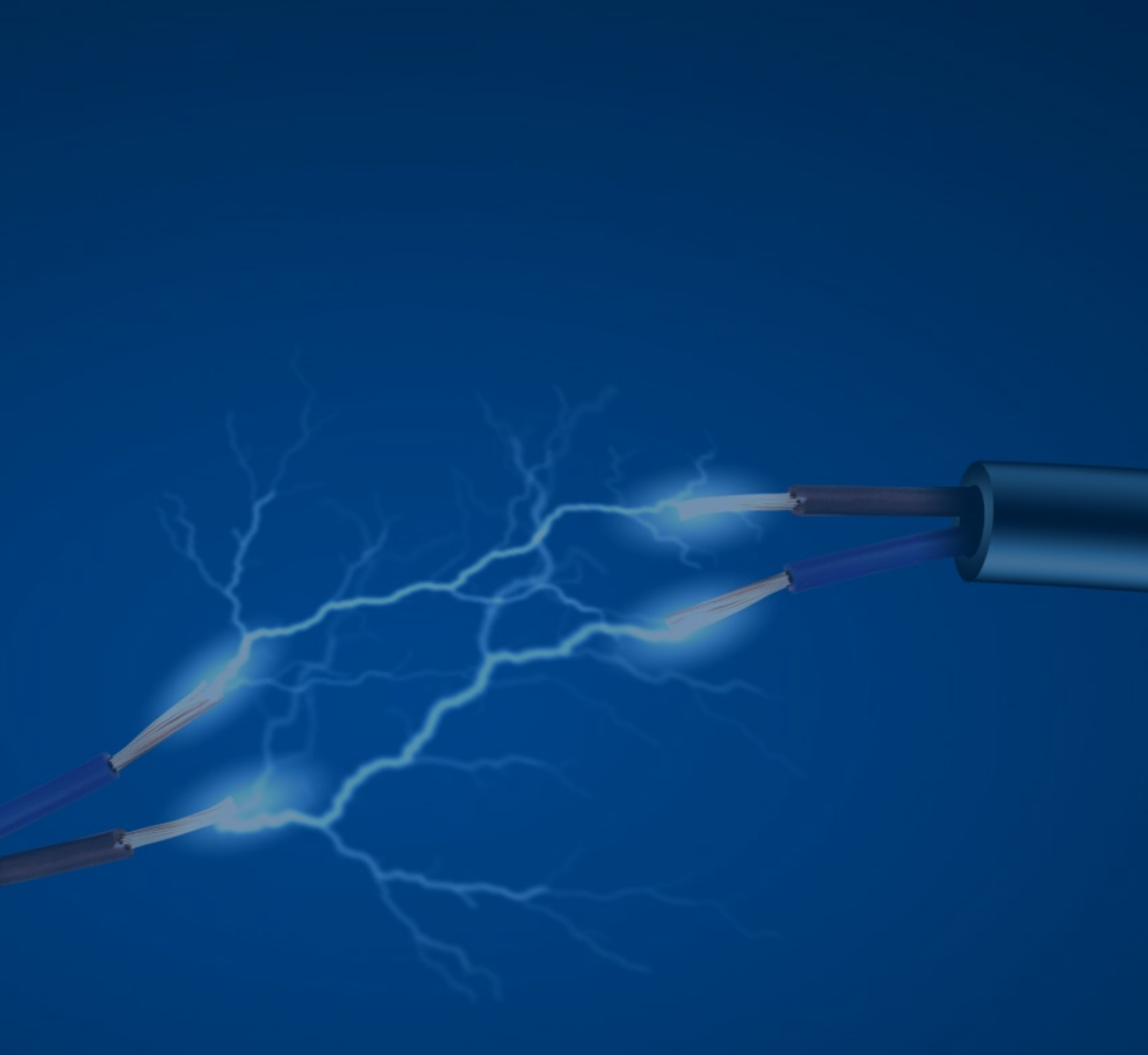
$$R_i = \frac{P_{ic}}{P_{i0}} * 100$$

Where  $P_{ic}$  is the electricity generation of the current quarter and  $P_{i0}$  is the generation of electricity of the base year.

The calculation of the monthly generation indices is based on the volume of electricity units produced.

### 2.3 Base Year

The base year, also referred to as **reference period** used in this brief is 2013, which is set at 100. The selection of the reference period was informed by the availability of relevant data and synchronization of data with other sectors within the industry.



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